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SUBJECT: SECRETARY DENT VISIT BULGARIA

REF: STATE 065993

1. GOB PROTOCOL HAS AGREED TO SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED REFTEL
(SEE PARA 6)

2. RE APRIL 11 BREAKFAST HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR, WE HAD LOOKED
ON THIS AS FINE OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH KEY
BULGARIAN GUESTS, BUT FONOFF REACTION THAT THIS IS "TOO EARLY
AND PROVIDES TOO LITTLE TIME" PRECLUDES SUCH USE. MUCH AS
AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO BE HOST TO SECRETARY DENT AND MEMBERS
OF HIS PARTY, HE RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDES BREAKFAST AT 0800 AWAY FROM
HOTEL AT A TIME WHEN MEMBERS OF PARTY WOULD NORMALLY BE PACKING
AND PREPARING FOR DEPARTURE WOULD BE TOO MUCH OF A BURDEN ON
THEM, AND THUS SUGGESTS ELIMINATING THIS ITEM OF THE SCHEDULE.
(THIS DOES NOT OF COURSE PRECLUDE INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
EARLY THURSDAY 11TH, WHICH COULD BE DISCUSSED WHEN THE PARTY
IS HERE.)

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3. FORMIN MLADENOV WILL BE OUT OF BULGARIA APRIL 15. IN HIS

PLACE FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ANDON TRAYKOV WILL
RECEIVE DENT AND OTHERS FOR SHORT PROTOCOL VISIT PRIOR TO
CONSULAR CONVENTION SIGNING AT VRANA AND WILL
SIGN CONVENTION FOR BULGARIANS.

4. FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER NEDEV WILL HOST RECEPTION APRIL 10,
NOT REPEAT NOT POPOV.

5. EXCURSION FOR REMAINING MEMBERS OF PARTY APRIL 15 WILL TAKE
PARTY TO ENVIRONS OF SOFIA. GROUP WILL BE BACK AT AIRPORT IN TIME
TO BE ON BOARD AIRCRAFT WHEN SECRETARY RETURNS FOR 1230 DEPARTURE.

6. SECRETARY DENT SCHEDULE (APRIL 10-11 AND 15):

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

1300: PARTY ARRIVES AT SOFIA AIRPORT.

1330: ARRIVE GRAND HOTEL SOFIA AND SAY GOOD-BY TO BULGARIAN
OFFICIALS WHO ESCORTED PARTY IN FROM AIRPORT.

1345: MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HERZ AND OTHER EMBASSY
OFFICIALS AT THE AMEMBASSY.

1500: OFFICIAL TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY DENT AND MINISTER NEDEV
AT LOZENETS (AN OFFICIAL RESIDENCE).
SECRETARY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. BENNETT,
MR. BOWDEN, MR. ARMITAGE, AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF.

1830: CALL ON DEPTUY PRIME MINISTER PROFESSOR IVAN POPOV.
SECRETARY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. BENNETT, MR. BOWDEN,
MR. ARMITAGE, AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF.

2000: RECEPTION IN HONOR OF SECRETARY DENT HOSTED BY FOREIGN
TRADE MINISTER NEDEV.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11:

0900: CALL ON PRIME MINISTER STANKO TODOROV. SECRETARY WILL
BE ACCOMPANIED BY MESSRS. BENNETT, BOWDEN, ARMITAGE,
AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF.

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1030: VISIT TO A PLANT (STILL NOT IDENTIFIED). (THIS COULD INCLUDE
WHOLE PARTY, OR ANY PART THEREOF. PLEASE ADVISE.)

1200: DEPART SOFIA FOR BUCHAREST

MONDAY, APRIL 15:

1000: ARRIVE SOFIA AIRPORT

1015: CALL BY SECRETARY DENT ACCOMPANIED BY MESSRS. BENNETT,
BOWDEN, ARMITAGE, AND AMBASSADOR ON FIRST DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER ANDON TRAYKOV (VRANA PALACE).

1050: SIGNING OF CONSULAR CONVENTION BY TRAYKOV, FIRST DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR HERZ (VRANA PALACE).

1045: CALL BY SECRETARY ON CHAIRMAN OF STATE COUNCIL TODOR
ZHIVKOV. SECRETARY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MESSRS.
BENNETT, BOWDEN, ARMITAGE AND AMBASSADOR (VRANA PALACE).

1230: DEPART SOFIA.

7. LADIES SCHEDULE (APRIL 10-11):

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

1400: VISIT BOYANA CHURCH TO SEE FRESCOS

1600: VISIT ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

1645: VISIT SHOP OF BULGARIAN ARTISTS UNION

1730: FASHION SHOW AT "LADA"

2000: RECEPTION (BUFFET-SUPPER) HOSTED BY FOREIGN TRADE
MINISTER NEDEV AT GRAND HOTEL SOFIA.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

0900: VISIT ALEXANDER NEVSKI CATHEDRAL AND CRYPT MUSEUM
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(COLLECTION OF BULGARIAN ICONS)

1200: DEPART SOFIA FOR BUCHAREST

8. MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY WHO DO NOT ATTEND NEDEV OR POPOV
MEETING WILL HAVE AFTERNOON BRIEFING AT FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY
APRIL 10.
HERZ

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